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FATHER'S
DAY
JUNE 19



**DEWITT ADULT HIGH SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS IT'S
1988 GRADUATING CLASS**

Well Done!



John Burdsal
Diana Curtiss

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WHAT IS A DAD?

A Dad is someone special
As every child has found -
He's the tallest
and the strongest
And the smartest man around
He's the one who takes
long walks with you
And rides you on his shoulder -
Who knows just how
to make you feel
Much bigger and much older

A Dad's the one
who mends your toys
Who scolds you when you need it
And when you have a special book
Why, he's the one to read it
A Dad's your hero
and your friend
When you're a child - and then
When you've grown up,
you find he's still
The finest of all men!

Elizabeth M. Gerus



John Burdsal
Diana Curtiss
Pat Gantz
Brenda Gibson
Beth Goldberg
Diane Lott
Madeline McCastle

Peg McMillen
Robin Mygrants
Mike Niska
Cindy Rummell
Pat Sibley
John Stankula
Reanee Unger

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

These fourteen graduates received their high school diplomas at DeWitt High School on June 1st. Many of the students passed with high scores on the GED tests which qualified them for a GED diploma, as well.

Students range in various ages, from young to senior citizens. Whatever their motivation to return to school, they all achieved the same goal and had the same determination to succeed.

THANK YOU!

The DeWitt City Fireman's Ladies Aux. would like to thank all of you who made our Pre-Holiday Blood Drive a success. We had 84 donors present and with this turn out we will be supplying 250 patients with safe blood supplies. This is our best drive yet!

A Special Thank You needs to go out to Terranova's Thriftyway for all of those sandwiches they donated and our appreciation goes to Mel Khron RN, Pastors' Chris and Rebecca Kibit, Cash Kiebler and Virginia Ackerman, Robert Phibbs and Son and, of course, to all the firemen, ladies aux. and their family members who put in the time and effort to make it a success.

The next Firemen's Sponsored Blood Drive will be August 29, 1988. And watch out - those calendars will be in soon! They look great! Selling price, \$2.00 each.

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VFW HONOR GUARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO GRADUATE



John Stankula, a World War II Veteran and a Medic in the Army, graduated with a high school diploma from DeWitt Adult High School, June 1st.

As a tribute to John, the Honor Guard from DeWitt VFW responded by attending his graduation. A Certificate of Congratulations was presented to him by Post Commander Alva Hartman.

When asked what his future goals were, John replied he planned to further pursue his education.



AIR FORCE CADET SELECTED FOR COMMANDANT AND DEAN'S LIST

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Cadet Charles H. Embs, son of Milt and Joan Embs of DeWitt, Michigan, has been placed on the Commandant's List for military excellence and the Dean's List for Academic excellence. The academy freshman is a 1987 graduate of DeWitt High School.

To be named to the Commandant and Dean's List, Cadets must have a 3.0 or greater military performance average and a 3.0 or greater grade point average at the end of the fall or spring semester.

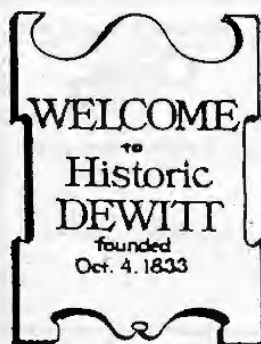
Cadets who receive this distinction of being selected for both are placed on the Superintendent's List. The insignia denoting this honor is a silver star enclosed in a silver wreath to be worn on the uniform.

Cadet Embs was also honored at a "Recognition" ceremony on May 7th for successfully completing his freshman year at the Academy.

Gordon and Alison Embs, also son and daughter of Milt and Joan Embs, have received their degree from the University of Michigan.

Gordon is employed by Balcor Management, Inc., of Ypsilanti, MI., and Alison has accepted a position with Staples, Inc., in Stratford, Connecticut.

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SUMMER
BEGINS
JUNE 21

INCLUDE PLANT CARE IN VACATION PLANS

Wouldn't it be convenient if you could put your lawn and garden on "hold" when you go on your summer vacation?

Too bad it doesn't work that way. The grass will grow, fruit and vegetable crops will ripen and house plants will get dry. Unless you make an effort to prepare your plants to do without you for a while or arrange for a caretaker, you may come home to a shaggy lawn, a garden choked with weeds and rotting produce and house plants gasping their last.

The best arrangement, of course, is to have a knowledgeable person come to your home and care for your plants for you. Someone who mows the lawn while you're gone can water the house plants, harvest the garden, put out the trash, turn the lights on and off, park a car in your driveway, open and close blinds and drapes, and otherwise make your house look occupied.

How much you need done depends, of course, on how long you'll be gone. If your trip will be less than a week long, your plants will get by without you very nicely if you tend them just before you leave. Mow the lawn, pick the garden clean of ripe or nearly ripe produce, give the house plants and garden a good drink, and wave good-bye.

If you'll be gone for an extended period, arrange for someone to mow your lawn as often as you would if you were home. Regular mowing will help keep the grass healthy, and it helps give your home a lived in look that might discourage would-be-house breakers.

If you can't find a plant sitter, you can water house plants thoroughly and set them in the bathtub. Covered with a sheet of plastic to hold moisture around them, they will survive for

I HAVE NOTICED

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus; it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in newspapers?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially around the hips and waist, that it is almost impossible to reach one's shoelaces. And the sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12's and 14's are so much smaller.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into an old classmate the other day and she had aged so much that she didn't recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning and in doing so I glanced at my own reflection. Really now, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to.

(Author Unknown)



NEW DEWITT BUSINESS OWNERS

The former Dancehall Dairy is now the DeWitt Dairy Company. New owners Dave and Karen Smith have purchased the business from Chuck and Gerry Wichman.

The Smiths live in Lansing and have three children: Don, Brandi and Neil. Dave is employed as a driver for Anchor Motor Freight and Karen, with help from the kids, will work full-time at the Dairy Company.

Please come in and introduce yourself to DeWitt's newest business owners.



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LEARNING TREE KIDS COOL OFF

This group of rambunctious youngsters were caught cooling off in the 90° heat last Wednesday, in the front yard of the Learning Tree.

The youngsters are part of the Summer Day Care Classes offered at the Learning Tree.



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If you can't find a plant sitter, you can water house plants thoroughly and set them in the bathtub. Covered with a sheet of plastic to hold moisture around them, they will manage for some time, especially if you close the shower curtain or doors and draw the curtain across the window to dim the light. In low light, plants grow less vigorously and need less water than plants in brightly lighted windows.

House plants moved outside for the summer dry out very quickly unless they're sunk into the ground in their pots in a shady spot. Treat valuable plants to control insect pests and taking them indoors before you leave. Outdoors they could be carried off by thieves or damaged by vandals, storms or animals.

In the vegetable garden, weeds will probably make some headway while you're gone. A friend who will weed your garden is a friend, indeed. Somewhat easier to find, perhaps, is a person who will harvest it for you. Picking cucumbers, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant as they're ready will keep the plants producing. Sweet corn, green beans and peas, which lose quality as they mature past their peak, might as well be picked as wasted.

Another reason for harvesting the garden is to keep it free of overripe and rotting produce that will attract insects and other pests.

To get the garden ready to live without you for awhile, control weeds and insect problems, water thoroughly and mulch. Mulching will help conserve soil moisture and discourage annual weeds. Setting back weeds and insects just before you leave may prevent their taking over the garden while you're gone and make the job of reclaiming it from them somewhat manageable.

The best way to make sure the garden gets watered while you're gone is to install a trickle irrigation system with an automatic timer. Because a trickle irrigation system puts the water into the root zones of the crop plants, it doesn't promote weed growth and so doesn't contribute to a general weed takeover while you're away. If you're asking someone to water the garden for you, make it as easy as possible by leaving as many sprinklers or soaker hoses in place as you need to water the whole garden without moving them.



DEWITT KIWANIS CLUB

The DeWitt, Kiwanis Club would like to thank the sponsors, contributors, and participants who helped make the Third Annual DeWitt Kiwanis Golf Tournament a great success. Over \$3500 was raised, and this money will be used for the benefit of youth and community needs.

The first place trophy went to the team of Phil Crocket, Curt Schwerin, John Wenglorski, and Larry Wuetrich. The team of Larry Gouch, Tom Kirkconnell, Gary Miller, and Doug Walker took second place. The foursome of Chris Mollitor, D. Mollitor, Tom Mollitor, and Dan Robinson grabbed third place. The low mixed team consisted of Ben Dorer, Janet Dorer, Bob Andrews, and Cecil McKay.

The following awards were also given: Longest drive - Doug Walker; Shortest drive - Mary Eyke; Closest to the pin - John Clisch. The fewest putts were recorded by the team of Bev Ovenhouse, Gene Ovenhouse, Beth Riegle, and Chan Riegle.

The 1988 Ford Taurus provided by Pat McCrackin Ford went unclaimed as no one was able to sink a hole-in-one on the designated hole.

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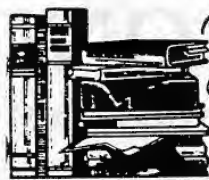
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CAN YOU IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO READ?

Over 22,000 adults in the Capital Area alone are struggling daily because they lack the skill of reading. WHAT CAN BE DONE? Over 170 local people are working one-on-one to help adult minimal readers. Be a part of the solution! Become a Tutor!

HELP

People Help Themselves



Become a Literacy
Volunteer with
LVA-CAPITAL AREA

LITERACY COALITION

LVA-Capital Area Literacy Coalition will be giving a **free orientation** for concerned people on **July 5, 1988 7-9 P.M.** at First Congregational Church, 100 Maple St. St. Johns. Please call 485-4950 or 485-4953 for more information.



This is the final Poop

4-H

HAPPENINGS



BICYCLE TOURING FOR FAMILIES

Families tired of the indoors can spend time together, see the countryside, get some exercise and meet others with similar interests through bicycle touring.

"Many families are very busy today, and bicycling is a healthy, relaxing activity that each member can participate in," says 4-H program leader Lowell Rothert. "On a tour, people don't have to keep up the hectic pace of their day-to-day lives --- they can really take time to enjoy each other's company."

Bike touring is gaining popularity, and Michigan's pleasant spring, summer and fall temperatures and scenery make it a great place to tour.

Eric Jensen, manager of Denny's Schwinn bicycle shop in East Lansing, says that touring bikes are made to accommodate children as young as 9 or 10. Even very young children and toddlers can go along on rides in a pull-cart behind mom or dad's bike.

"Biking is a very low stress sport that most kids can adapt to easily," Jensen says. "And compared with other sports, it's relatively inexpensive to get started."

The only required equipment is a bicycle in good repair and a safety helmet. Clothing should be comfortable and loose-fitting. Cooler temperatures call for long sleeves and long pants; in warm weather, a short-sleeved shirt and shorts are suitable.

Beyond these necessities, bikers could invest in comfortable riding gloves, shorts that reduce seat chafing, padded handlebar grips and seat cushions that help smooth out the ride. But none of these is necessary in order to enjoy this recreational activity.

Milton Gruhn, of the Tri-County Bicycle Association, says that, after some practice and conditioning, young riders can start out on easy 10 mile rides with plenty of rest stops and a slow pace.

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Pictured L. to R.: Paul Pritchard, Dr. Terrie Davis, Superintendent, Fred Goers, Principal.

NEW CARS FOR DRIVER ED STUDENTS

Paul Pritchard Chevrolet in DeWitt graciously supplied 5 brand new cars for DeWitt's drivers training classes. The cars, 2 Berretas, 2 Corsicas, and a Celebrity, were met with much enthusiasm from the eager students.

After the students have passed their courses and are off on their own, the cars will be available to the public at a greatly reduced price.



**We Wish
You A Happy
4th
of July
Holiday**



This is the final Poop CIRCUS MANURE HOLDS NEW PROMISE FOR VEGETABLE VIRTUE

Does your lettuce look limp? Are your radishes looking ragged? Kelly-Miller Bros. Circus has just the answer to pep up your ailing garden. The Circus has mounds of exotic manure. There's an inexhaustible supply of mineral-rich fertilizer, generated constantly in gargantuan proportions by the elephant herd on the Circus lot every day. At a time when organic gardening has proved popular and healthy, this is a real wind-fall for local gardeners.

In cities where Kelly-Miller Bros. performs, a lot of money has been spent to remove the manure which accumulates; so, Circus officials are glad to supply the manure to interested farmers and amateur gardeners.

Circus manure is high class. Elephants have varied diets, eating food like apples, peanuts, and loaves of bread. Circus Jungle Fertilizer is pure and unadulterated!! The manure must be left outside where the sun and rain can weather it. After a few weeks it becomes an odorless compost fit for plant consumption.

The mind boggles at the possible uses of elephant manure. Comments one circus executive, "As purveyors of potent plant provender, we can only suggest that Pachy-Poo would make an excellent gift for the farmer or gardner in your life. Just imagine the joy you will bring to someone as the truck pulls up delivering your gift." He continued, "It's a way of saying 'thanks' when you care enough to send the very best." All joking aside: Step right up folks and grow the finest Garden or Turf!!!!

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Conditioning can be a good excuse to organize an impromptu neighborhood ride between friends or a summer evening activity for the whole family.

As they move on to longer rides, bikers need to keep up their energy by taking snack breaks. Bananas, a trail mix of nuts, granola and raisins, and plenty of water help provide the power that pumps the pedals and keeps the wheels turning.

"Touring isn't the only great exercise," Gruhn points out, "it also helps youngsters gain confidence and meet goals. If they're on a ride four miles from home, they can't just stop and say 'I'm tired' --- they have to finish the ride and meet that goal."

4-H sponsors the Coast-the-Coast bicycle tour every summer. This year, the five-day, 300-mile tour will be held July 16-22 and will take riders through scenic southwestern lower Michigan and northwestern Indiana.

For more information about bicycling or the Coast-the-Coast tour, contact the Cooperative Extension Service Office at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, or call 224-5240.

CRAFTS SHOW AND FARMER'S MARKET

The Clinton County 4-H Fair Board has announced plans for a Crafts Show and Farmer's Market to be held during the 1988 4-H Youth Fair.

The Crafts Show and Farmers Market will take place in the Special Activities Tent on Thursday, August 4, 1988 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Handmade craft articles and homegrown produce may be sold. Baked goods may also be sold. There will be a \$10.00 charge per space and applications will be accepted on a first come basis.

Applications are available at the Cooperative Extension Service Office. Interested persons may contact Donna Smith at 224-3334 for additional information.